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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I have already stated that the further investigation of this project would be undertaken by the Government of India from 1st January of this year. There is no question of recovering the expenditure already incurred by the State. If the investigation is completed and the project is found successful, the expenditure of 75 lakhs is nothing compared with the benefits that this State will derive as a result of the industrial development that will follow."

Distribution of clothes in cyclone-affected areas in Tanjore.

* 1046 *Q.*—SRI K. R. SAMBANDAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the quantity of clothes distributed at Government cost to the people who were affected by the Tanjore cyclone during the year 1953;

(*b*) the quantity of clothes received by the Government from any organization other than Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam; and

(*c*) whether they were distributed?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" (*a*) No clothes were purchased at Government cost for distribution to the people affected by the cyclone in Tanjore district. But clothes noted below were purchased from the Weavers' Co-operative Societies for a sum of Rs. 80,100 from the amount allotted from the State Cyclone Relief Fund :—

Dhoties—7,000.

Sarees—8,333.

Towels—2,284.

" (*b*) The quantity is as given below :—

Dhoties (2 yards)—10,000.

Sarees (7-8 yards)—13,250.

Blankets, bed-sheets, etc.—1,900.

Shirts, banians, etc.—8,300.

Others—5,000.

" (*c*) Yes. The entire quantity has been distributed."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" What are the names of the organizations other than the Dravida Munnetra Khazhagam which have contributed to the purchase of these clothes? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" So many organizations like the Coimbatore Mill Owners' Association and the Madras Piecegoods Merchants' Association and also other social organizations have contributed."

SRI S. DAIVASIGAMONEY :—" Were the clothes that were received distributed through various private organizations or through the agency of the officers of the Government? Did the Government acknowledge receipt of the clothes from the various organizations? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" I think the receipt was acknowledged and acknowledged with profuse thanks. Generally the distribution was done through revenue officials and in some cases through certain social organizations."

SRI M. P. SUBRAMANYAM :—"திராவிட முன்னேற்றக் கழகம் உதவி செய்த்தாகச் சொல்லப்படுகிறது. அவர்கள் துணியாகக் கொடுத்தது எவ்வளவு, பணமாகக் கொடுத்தது எவ்வளவு என்று அறிந்துகொள்ள விரும்புகிறேன்."

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" The question is about clothes received from organizations other than the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam. The Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam collected some clothes and I think they had their own distribution agency."

Executive Officers of temples

* 1047 *Q.*—SRI K. R. SAMBANDAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state with reference to the answer to question number 280, dated 20th March 1954, whether the Government have given effect to the rules framed on 5th February 1953 regarding the appointment of Law Graduates as Executive Officers of first and second grade temples?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Yes. The rules have been given effect to."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" May I know whether the scales of pay and service conditions are such as to attract law graduates to these posts? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" There are different scales of pay for different grades and law graduates are appointed for the first and second grades."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" Is the Hon. Minister aware of the grievance among the executive officers of temples that the rules are not strictly adhered to, that juniors are promoted overlooking seniors like a fifth grade officer being promoted to third grade, a fourth grade officer being promoted to second grade and so on and, if the grievance is genuine, will he take steps to put an end to it? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" There is no basis for that allegation."